

Past District Governor - Ron White

Ron was a person who liked to entertain others, he was a storyteller and loved to laugh and get others to laugh and enjoy the Fellowship of Rotary.

Looking at his history of service in the club since he joined in May 1979, he served on most committees like Community Service, International Service, Rural-Urban Relations, Youth, Birthdays, Membership, Sergeant at Arms, Wishing Well, Vocational Service, Foundation and Club Director prior to becoming President in the 1987/88 Rotary year.

However, there was one committee he was made for, Fellowship and Social committee was where he and the other entertainers (John Denley, Rodger Laycock, Dick Johnston, Jack Johnston and Bob Rogers to name a few) spent time to create skits and social productions for the other club members during the Rotary year and special occasions like the Christmas Parties and Changeover nights, some became truly professional productions that live in the memories of many.

When Ron was District Governor in the 1993/94 year it is expected that his own club assists and puts on the Governors District Conference, Ron and Dorothy's was at Mount Cook Hermitage Hotel and the major draw card entertainer was Dame Malvina Major as well as the environment of Mt Cook region. This made for a spectacular conference that was spoken about for years in Rotary circles.

When Ron completed his year as Governor, he brought to the Timaru and Temuka clubs the idea that was picked up by Ron's team of Ellwyn Mackie and a couple of other Rotarians of a day usually in early March to provide a varied active school pupil team contest called "Top Schools", this provided 8 different activities for teams of school children in age groups to test themselves of a range of active skills, this Rotary project started in March 1995 with the first day, the Top Schools day morphed into Children's day about 10 years ago.

Ron having been a farmer and very community minded was a catalyst for many activities around the Mount Horrible area and when they moved into their Bidwill Street home this continued with street parties and many stories were told!

Many Rotarians will have stories to tell of Ron and some hilarious event that they were witness too, they should tell these stories as well.

As a Rotarian has expressed to me today "Such an honourable gentleman".

